

WEST VA. DOCTORS

**Is Session at Grafton—Reception of the Physicians
Hon. Jon W. Nason's Address of Welcome.
Dr. Allen's Reply—Additions to the So-
ciety Membership—Business Batch.**

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.
GRAFTON, W. VA., May 16.—The Medical Society of West Virginia convened its sixteenth annual session in the court house in this city at 2 o'clock to day, the President, Dr. B. W. Allen, of Morgantown presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robinson, of the Baptist Church.

Dr. W. L. Grant, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, made an address of welcome on behalf of the committee and Hon. John W. Mason, on behalf of the Mayor and citizens of the city, welcomed the Society to Grafton in an eloquent and well timed address, which was received with hearty approbation by the members.

The following gentlemen presented cr

dentials as fraternal delegates from the societies named: Drs. M. G. Laubis and S. Baldwin, of Columbus, from the Central Ohio Medical Association; Dr. R. B. Stover, of Richmond, from the Virginia State Medical Society, and Dr. David Little, Lebanon, O., from the Ohio State Medical Society. These gentlemen were all invited to seats in the meeting and cordially asked to participate in the proceedings. Remarks were made by each.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
The first Vice President, Dr. Grant, Grafton, was called to the chair, and the President delivered his address. It was in the well known style of the author, and contained many passages that were quipracy, and well calculated to bring a quipracy smile to the faces of the hearers. Dr. Allen, among other things, advocated the establishment of a full Medical Depart-

The following gentlemen were elected to membership: Drs. Reed, Baird, Charles Frissel and J. H. Silvey, of Wheeling; J. L.

Langham, of Newburg; J. L. Nixon, of
Flemington; C. O. Henry, of Shinnston;
J. C. Lawson, of Bridgeport, and George
L. Bamberger, of Grafton, the resolution
requiring that in order to become a mem-
ber in the State Society, applicants must
first be received into county societies
where such societies exist, having first
been rescinded.

Dr. R. W. Hall, of Mannington, from the Committee on Climatology and Epidemics, presented an interesting report on several epidemics that have occurred in different parts of the State during the past year. This report gave rise to an animated discussion on the subject of typhoid fever that was opened by Dr. Reeves, and participated in by Dr. Stover, of Richmond.

Lewis and Baldwin and Gersten, Joseph Lazzoli and Carpenter, of the Society. The prevailing opinion seemed to be that this disease may arise *de novo*, that it is not contagious in the common accepted sense of that term, that many cases recover with but little treatment except the most careful nursing and attention, and that bad symptoms may be often successfully combated with proper medicines. A proper debate and resolutions were introduced by Dr. Reeves commanding the good done by the Liberator during the year 1848.

Several other important matters were acted upon, when the session closed, at half-past eight o'clock to-morrow morning. The committee of arrangements have provided splendidly for the entertainment of the members.

ture was delivered by Rev. W. A. Shi-
man, of the Lutheran church of Grato-
subject, "Materialism." He is a young
man, but a very fine speaker.
At nine o'clock a grand ball was given in
honor of the society.

BRIEF FOREIGN DISPATCHES.

The North German Gazette attempts
to prove by statistics that the danger of con-
tracting trichinosis from American pork

The Head Constable at Liverpool maintains that the story of the discovery on the Trans-Atlantic steamer of an infernal machine, is a hoax. The box only contained bricks. The *Times'* correspondent at Liverpool, however, insists on the truth of the story, and declares that the police are anxious to minimize the importance of the affair. The Liverpool *Courier* says it

The London *Times* says the emigration scheme proposed by Canadian capitalists hangs fire because of the objections of Gladstone to the system of State aid. It says the Cabinet will insist on the Canadian government becoming responsible for the money loaned to further the scheme, probably thinking by that means they will cause the project to be abandoned. There is reason to believe, however, that Canada

United States Minister Morton yesterday introduced to Prime Minister Ferry a deputation bearing the address of a Boston Committee, in which the French Government was requested to introduce a bill to facilitate the dispatch of French works of art to the International Exhibition to be held on the occasion of the Centennial of the signing of the Treaty for American Independence. Ferry intimated he would submit the matter to the Council of Ministers.

The trial of Fitzharris, the cab driver as an accessory after the fact of the murder of Cavendish and Burke, was concluded yesterday morning. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against him, and he was sentenced to penal servitude for life. Judge O'Brien, in passing sentence, said: "The crime of which you are convicted morally is the same as murder. The death of Cavendish and Burke were mainly owing to your act in inducing Smith."

A Shocking Death.

CLEVELAND, O., May 16.—The shocking mangled body of a man was found ten miles east of Zanesville, to-day, lying in a ditch beside the Baltimore & Ohio railway. A *Leader* special says the body is supposed to be that of John B. ... of Bull ... who had been ...

Mine Explosion.
SCRANTON, PA., May 10.—Moosic, near here, was shaken throughout by an explosion of powder in a magazine at a coal breaker. One man was almost torn to pieces. Another was not found.